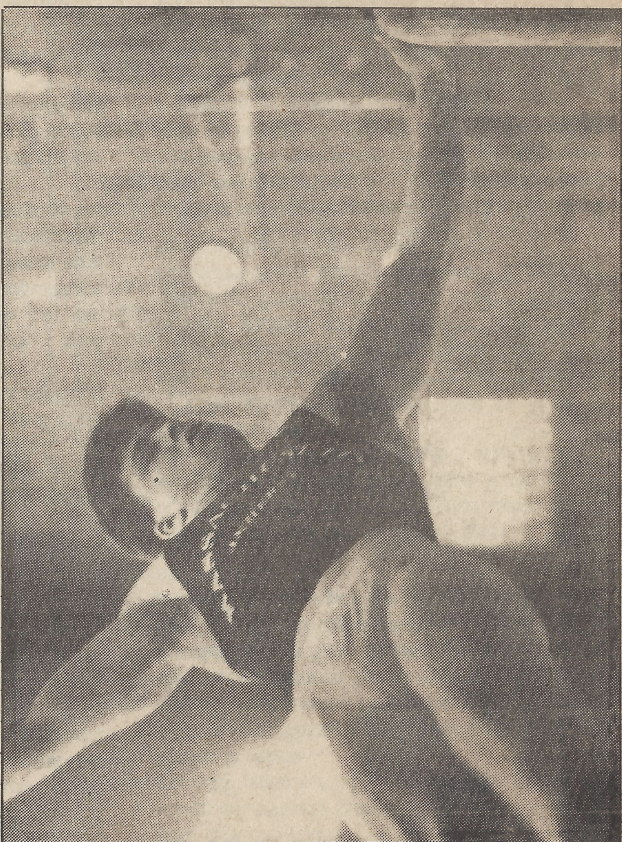


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So. Conn. edges men's gymnastics

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The pommel horse was one bright spot of the men's gymnastics' team performance as they fell to Southern Conn., 267-259 last night in New Haven.

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Women's gymnastics to host Bridgeport

The University of Massachusetts men's gymnastics team lost a tough road meet last night to Southern Conn., 267.05-259.6.

The nationally ranked No. 14 team took five of the six events, dropping the UMass record to 3-2.

"They chipped away at us all night," said UMass head coach Roy Johnson. "Adding to UMass' demise, Southern Conn. swept the top four individual all-around scores.

One bright spot for the Minutemen was the pommel horse, the only event the team won.

Freshman Joe Haran tied with So. Conn.'s Greg Tricola and Hector Salazar in that event with a score of 8.9.

Haran earned more points for UMass by winning the horizontal bar with a score of 9.25.

After sitting out the meet against MIT, senior Dave DiNucci competed in the vault and the horse. Johnson said he was pleased with DiNucci's performance, although the gymnast still is not competing at 100 percent.

"Dave only performed in two events tonight, and he's usually one of the all-arounds," Johnson said. "He is not at full strength right now."

Southern Conn.'s Salazar scored an impressive 55.05 in the all-around while teammate Shawn Simpson placed with a score of 54.0.

Simpson also received a 9.6 on the floor exercise, his best event.

The Minutemen next host Temple at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Boyden. Johnson said he expects a tough meet against an un-ranked Temple.

Leading the Owls is Bill Roth, who is one of the top five competitors in both the still rings and the parallel bars.

The University of Massachusetts women's gymnastics all-around and third on the balance beam against Towson,

injury, Mitchell has come to expect great performances from his younger gymnasts.

Freshman Margaret Furtado, who placed fourth in the

Massachusetts, 98-89

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP) — William Herndon scored 21 points and sparked a 16-2 second-half run yesterday to help the University of Massachusetts men's basketball team beat West Virginia in Atlantic 10 play.

Harper Williams scored 22 points and Jim McCoy added 23 as Massachusetts (15-8 overall, 8-6 in the league) averaged last week's 85-82 overtime loss to the Mountaineers in Amherst.

The second-half surge helped Massachusetts negate a career-high 37 points by Chris Brooks of West Virginia (12-10, 7-6). Brooks hit 16 of 19 shots from the floor, and 5 of 13 free throws.

Williams hit for 16 points and McCoy 10 as Massachusetts shot 68 percent from the field en route to a 45-42 halftime lead.

West Virginia took a 57-55 lead after Lawrence Pollard's 3-pointer with 15 minutes left and stretched the margin to 69-64 over the next five minutes.

But Herndon hit a layup and added a free throw when West Virginia's Charles Beeton grabbed him from behind and was called for an intentional foul.

Herndon hit a driving layup on the ensuing possession to tie the score, setting the stage for the game-clinching run, which turned a 72-71 West Virginia lead into an 87-74 deficit.

Jeremy Bodkin added 17 points and Pollard tallied 14 for West Virginia.

For UMass, Rafer Giles made 4 of 5 3-pointers, finishing with 15 points, and Tony Barbee, in his second game back after missing three games with mononucleosis, had 14 points.

Minutemen net A-10 win at WVU

Massachusetts (98)
Williams 8-11 6-8 22, Herndon 8-8 5-8 21, Tate 0-0 0-0 0-0, Giles 5-8 1-2 15, McCoy 9-12 5-6 23, Barbee 4-9 6-6 14, Brown 1-3 1-2 3, K. Robinson 0-1 0-0 0-0, Meyer 0-0 0-0 0-0, C. Robinson 0-0 0-0 0-0, Totals 35-52 24-32 98.

West Virginia (89)
Brooks 16-19 5-13 37, Greene 3-7 3-6 10, Bodkin 7-11 3-6 17, Leonard 1-8 4-7 7, Boyd 0-4 1-2 1, Pollard 4-9 4-4 14, Basey 1-5 0-3, Beeton 0-5 0-2 0, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0-0, Totals 32-68 20-39 89.

Halftime UMass 45, WVU 42. **Three-point goals** Giles 4, Pollard 2, Greene, Basey. **Fouled out** Barbee. **Rebounds** UMass 30, (Herndon 11), WVU 23 (Brooks 9). **Assists** UMass 15 (Herndon, Barbee 5), WVU 22 (Basey 7). **Total fouls** UMass 23, WVU 23. **Technical fouls** Williams, Colipart. A - 6, O 91.